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When EPA remaps Mercury Superfund Study Site, left on it will be Carson River downstream from New Empire, Gold Canyon & Six Mile Canyon

▼ Cleanup of Dayton contamination sites remain in the works

By Laura Tennant

DAYTON--Responding to a request from Dayton residents, developers, and U.S. Senator Bryan (D. Nev.), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now in the process of redrawing the Carson River Superfund Mercury Study Site they'd established in the Dayton area in 1990, said a recent press release.

To citizens' questions as to exactly what study sites will be dropped from the study area, Tom Baker, aid for U.S. Senator Bryan, (D. Nev.), said when "the EPA redraws the map, the only thing that will be left in the Mercury

Superfund Study area is downstream from New Empire, including the mill sites in Six Mile Canyon and Gold Canyon and the creeks located down from the mill sites," adding, "they will have it redrawn by the end of the month."

The only areas to remain in the EPA's Superfund Cleanup Site are those that may contain unhealthful levels of mercury contamination.

The original study site included a geographic area of 2,000 square miles.

After five years of study, the EPA determined the only exposure to human pathways from mercury

contamination found locally would be through ingesting the soil on a regular basis.

Although the EPA is remapping

the mercury cleanup study site, it appears plans to clean up a number

of sites in Dayton town are still in the works.